

To

The Principal Secretary/ Secretary
Rural Development Department/ Panchayati Raj (in charge of MGNREGA)
States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha,
Rajasthan, Gujarat, Karnataka, Assam, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh

Sub: Creating synergy between NRLM and Mahatma Gandhi NREGA programme to facilitate construction of Vermi/ NADEP compost pits for Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojna (MKSP) farmers under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA.

One of the major objectives of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA is creation of durable and productive assets of which at least sixty percent should be related to Agriculture. To ensure this there is renewed emphasis on works related to Natural Resource Management (NRM) and agriculture, both on public land as well as individual land.

States have set themselves a target of creation of 10.40 lakh Vermi/ NADEP compost pits/ tanks and 8.82 lakh Farm ponds on individual lands in FY 2016-17. It is imperative that such assets are not only created but also put to productive use and further go on to augment the incomes of small and marginal farmers apart from increasing the agriculture productivity of the farm lands.

To achieve the national target of Vermi / NADEP compost tanks/ pits under MGNREGA, the Ministry has decided to utilise the synergy of National Rural Livelihood Mission and Mahatma Gandhi NREGA programmes, by facilitating the farmers identified under Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojna (MKSP) and other sustainable agriculture based interventions taken up under NRLM to create and access these assets under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA.

There are 34 lakh farmers identified under MKSP. The majority of them are in Andhra Pradesh (1396479), Telangana (1303041), Kerala (310535), Bihar (130773), West Bengal (58060), Odhisha (37547), Rajasthan (26641), Gujarat (32670), Karnataka (19000), Assam (12105), Maharashtra (5507), Chhattisgarh (3499), Jharkhand (26339), Madhya Pradesh (35087) etc. While some successful efforts have already been made in some states like Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to provide Vermi/ NADEP compost pits/ tanks to MKSP farmers through other programmes, a concerted effort to facilitate these households (HHs) to get these assets under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA will not only help in achieving the targets but will also ensure productive use of these assets by these small and marginal farmers.

These States are therefore requested to put in place an effective coordination mechanism between MGNREGA officials, SRLM officials and MKSP NGO partners to/ for:-

- a. **identify beneficiaries** from among the MKSP farmers and farmers covered under livelihoods interventions through Annual Action Plan route being implemented by the SRLMs. SRLMs would involve the MKSP partners in identifying the beneficiaries in areas where the NGO is the implementation partners;
- b. **map the existing Job card holder families** among these identified farmers;
- c. **issuance of new Job Card** to those MKSP farmer household that are not registered under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA but are willing to take up work under it;
- d. **generation of Demand** through mobilisation of such farmers in campaign mode;
- e. **inclusion of work and demand** in Annual Action Plan of the Labour Budget through special/ supplementary *Gram Sabhas*;
- f. **allocation of works to the MKSP/NRLM farmers with Job Cards in camp mode** with involvement of all key stakeholders in well coordinated way so that work allocation information is shared with the beneficiaries and SRLM/ MKSP partners straightway;
- g. **training** of MKSP farmers on construction of Vermi/ NADEP compost pit/ tank in such camps relating to material to be used, labour component, design, timeline, muster rolls, measurement, wage and material payment, etc. (The typical Designs of Vermi/ NADEP compost tanks are enclosed as Annexure -1. Since it is to be conducted in campaign mode, hence there should be minimum divergence from standard designs, shared);
- h. **facilitation** in getting the work started, procurement of materials (the HHs may take loans from their SHG for procurement purpose and repay as per their existing norms), arrangement of masons, technical supervision, timely measurement and timely payment of wages and material bills and **ensuring** that **minimum standardised designs** as per Annexure-1 are maintained ;

- i. **joint monitoring** of the whole campaign on NREGASoft and MIS of NRLM with requisite modification of the database and reports to help track these MKSP beneficiaries (A provision in **Job card Registration/ updation** module of the NREGASoft has been made to update status of Job Card HHs as 'MKSP Farmer HHs');
- j. **development and dissemination of relevant IEC materials**; and
- k. **adherence to non negotiables** like
 - i. the farmer household should be a registered job card holder on NREGASoft,
 - ii. it should belong to at least one of the eligible categories specified in paragraph-5 of the Schedule-I of the Act. (The list of eligible HHs is annexed as annexure-2),
 - iii. wage payments will be paid only through Bank/ Post Office Account unless exempted by the MoRD etc.

Role of the Key Stakeholders

The role of the key stakeholders for effective roll out of this campaign is listed below against the important activities:-

Sl. No.	Activity	Responsibility
1	State level coordination meeting between MGNREGA commissioner, CEO SRLM, MKSP partners, DPCs of concerned districts and other relevant officials.	MGNREGA Commissioner in consultation with CEO SRLM.
2.	Finalisation of roll out plan discussed in the meeting and sharing it with all DPCs and DPMs.	MGNREGA Commissioner in consultation with CEO SRLM.
3.	District level coordination meeting with DPM, BPMs, POs, representatives of MKSP partners, etc.	DPC
4.	Calendar for conducting camps for generation of demand	DPC
5.	Identification and mobilisation of MKSP farmers to the camps, preparation of list and sharing it with concerned PO	BPM/ MKSP NGO Partners. GRS will help in dissemination of information relating to camp dates as well as mobilisation.

6.	Mapping of the farmers in the list with Job card holders list	MKSP partner in consultation with PO/ GRS
7.	Updation of status of identified MKSP partners in NREGASoft under category 'MKSP Farmer HHS' and registration of farmers HHS willing to work under MGNREGA but not registered as Job card holder	PO/ GRS
8.	Issuance of notice for special/ supplementary Gram Sabha	Block Development Officer/ authorised Official/ GP President
9.	Conduct of special/ supplementary GS to include the demand for work as well as schemes in the AAP of the Labour Budget of the Gram Panchayat	GP President supported by Secretary and GRS of the Gram panchayat.
10.	Work allocation to eligible MKSP farmers with JC in camp approach.	PO. The camp should be held in coordination with BPMs/ MKSP NGO partners and the complete list of MKSP farmer HH to whom the Vermi/ NADEP compost pits/ tanks work has been allocated will be shared with them.
11.	Facilitation for getting the work started, procurement of materials through loans from their SHG and bulk purchasing in group, arrangement of masons etc.	BPMs/ MKSP NGO partners. The TAs and GRS will extend full support.
12.	Technical supervision to ensure minimum standardised designs are followed and timely measurement done.	TAs. MKSP partners technical resources may help.
13.	Timely payment of wages and material component.	GRS/ PO
14.	Monitoring	As per joint mechanism developed by States and districts.

These states are therefore requested to plan a joint campaign for construction of Vermi/ NADEP compost pits/ tanks on a priority basis as per the targets set by them. The SRLMs would ensure complete support in this endeavor